



# TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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APPROVED

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Water Pollution Control Authority  
February 26, 2015

Attendees: Vice Chairman John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, Andrew Tedford and Ralph Zahner. Also in attendance: Robert Grasis, Interim Director and Tim Webb, Town of Ellington WPCA

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner, requested two agenda items be added under Public Comment: A letter from Mayor Champagne and a request for a bid waiver for the purchase of powdered activated carbon. There were no comments from the public. Chairman Anderson read a letter dated February 26, 2015 from Mayor Champagne to Chairman Ray Weaver and the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority regarding the appointment of Mr. Robert Grasis as Director of the Water Pollution Control Authority.

Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion that the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority pursuant to Chapter X, Sec. 3 and Chapter XI, Sec. 1, 3, and 18 of the Vernon Town Charter, approves Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Mr. Robert Grasis as Director of WPCA for the Town of Vernon. Vice-Chairman Anderson informed the Authority that Chairman Weaver, who could not attend the meeting, is in full favor of this motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0). Mr. Grasis said that he is looking forward to working with the Authority.

Mr. Grasis referenced a proposal from Cabot Norit Americas for the purchase of powdered activated carbon for the treatment plant. Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the purchase of powdered activated carbon from Cabot Norit Americas, Inc. of Marshall, TX, in accordance with their proposal dated January 5, 2015 in order to ensure that the carbon used by the Vernon Wastewater Treatment Facility will meet Siemen's testing and quality control parameters and will be compatible with Vernon's Wastewater Treatment. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

## MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2015 AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the January 22, 2015 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mrs. Landry made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the February 5, 2015 WPCA Special Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

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Mr. Vallone was unable to attend the meeting and it was the consensus of the Authority not to have this item on future agendas unless a formal request is made by Mr. Vallone.

SKIP'S/WASTEWATER SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Grasis referenced correspondence from Denise Ruzicka of the CT DEEP regarding the operation by Skip's/Wastewater Services of the unpermitted receiving facility discharging to the Tolland sanitary sewer system. These flows are conveyed to the Vernon wastewater treatment facility. Mr. Grasis said that he met with John Ward, Ray Weaver and Hal Cummings this week. Mr. Ward will be contacting Tolland's Town Manager Steven Werbner to discuss the issues that Vernon's WPCA is having with Tolland's WPCA. Also, he will let Mr. Werbner know that Vernon's WPCA is going forward with litigation. Mr. Grasis explained that if Mr. Werbner does not stop the discharge, the next step is to have Mr. Cummings draft a cease and desist order stating that the discharge is in violation of the contract with Vernon. The cease and desist order is the last legal action before litigation Mr. Grasis said. Mr. Grasis said that he is scheduled to meet with Mr. Ward and Mr. Werbner next week. It was the consensus of the Authority to have Mr. Grasis provide an update prior to the next meeting regarding this item.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Grasis said that the plant is running well considering the cold weather. Effluent suspended solids were considerably lower this year compared to last January because repairs were made to the automatic ducking skimmers located in the secondary clarifier tank. Last year all but one of the skimmers were working, and there is a discharge limit for suspended solids he explained. Septage gallons were considerably lower than last year, he reported, but transported waste has been consistently over 10,000 gallons per month. Also, Mr. Grasis reported that he presented the Authority's capital requests to the Capital Improvements committee; Tower generator is still working on the retrofit for the water pump at the Talcottville Pump Station and DJ Lupacchino started as Collections Foreman on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Vice-Chairman Anderson asked Mr. Grasis if Mr. Lupacchino could attend a future Authority meeting to meet the members and to provide and update on the collection system. Mr. Grasis informed the Authority that in regards to the size of the generator at the Talcottville Pump Station, it is required to have a generator that can run all three pumps.

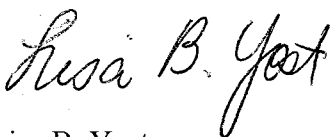
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Grasis said that today, Plant Foreman Dan Stachowiak, reached his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary working for the Town of Vernon. It was the consensus of the Authority to recognize Mr. Stachowiak's service to the Town.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost  
Secretary, Water Pollution Control